



THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1903.

There seems to have been an epidemic of accidents on railroads centering in Alexandria during the past few weeks. There has during that time been an average of nearly one a day, not taking into consideration minor incidents where engines and cars have run off in which no one was hurt nor any material damage inflicted. During the past week, however, there have been four fatalities—three during the past twenty-four hours. The first occurred on Monday when Edward Baggett was ground to pieces while at work in the Southern Railway yard. This sad affair had hardly ceased to be a matter of conversation when yesterday evening a man was killed at the south end of Long Bridge by a Chesapeake and Ohio train. Last night, before the news of this fatality had been published in the newspapers, the city was startled by the report of the terrible wreck between Ravensworth and Ditchley. A short time after the relief train had reached this city with the injured ones the body of a young white man, a stranger, was found almost in the city limits between the tracks of the Southern and Washington Southern Railway bearing unmistakable evidences of having been killed by a train.

THE DISPATCH from Belgrade in the telegraphic columns of today's Gazette giving an account of the revolution in Serbia, the killing of King Alexander, Queen Draga and Prime Minister Zinzar and the placing of a pretender on the throne is one of the most serious events of the twentieth century. Alexander has for a long time been unpopular and the Servians urge much in extenuation of their action, but that they are justifiable in their over acts by no means allowed by people believing in law and order. Regicide is not calculated to do any country lasting good. It destroys confidence from the fact that it is assumed that if subjects destroy one king, no matter on what pretense, they are liable to make way with their successors if they find their administrations are not what they expected them to be. Besides such acts are terrible international examples. The world is always infested with would-be king-killers, and the enemies of government are enthused at all successful revolutions and regicides. Such things are to be deplored, and all right-thinking people will stand aghast when they read of the recent sanguinary scenes in Serbia.

THE Minneapolis Journal notes as a significant occurrence that on the same day that the Ohio republicans in convention at Columbus were crying out against tariff revision the Convention of National Millers at Detroit was making a strong deliverance in favor of tariff revision through the gate of reciprocity. It often happens in these days, well says the Philadelphia Record, that the captains of industry and the political captains now in control of the government cannot see things alike in looking through Dingley spectacles. The Journal strongly insists that if the United States Senate "could be induced to take the broad view of the millers, it would take a look at the pigeon-holed Kassar reciprocity treaties and surely take up the French treaty moldering there, as it concedes to us an average reduction from the French maximum rate amounting to 48 per cent., including oils, and 26 per cent., excluding them, and on many articles the reduction from the maximum rate is 50 or 60 per cent., while our government has conceded an average of less than 7 per cent. from our tariff schedules."

BY ORDER of the Secretary of War one-half of the \$2,000,000 appropriated by the last Congress has been allotted to the various States in proportion to the strength of the organized citizen soldiery. This is the first step toward executing the financial provisions of the new military law, by which Virginia, as heretofore stated, will receive, on account, about \$25,000.

A WAVE of dishonesty seems to be hanging over the country in general and Washington in particular. Hardly a day passes without a defalcation being reported, and the extent of the stealings is remarkable. High living and the efforts of those with moderate incomes to "keep up" with the rich are the principal causes of these troubles.

So far there has been but little blue in this June.

Bank President Short in His Accounts Birmingham, Ala., June 11.—With President T. J. Cornwell in parts unknown, and short nearly \$230,000, the Bessemer Savings Bank, one of the strongest institutions in the district, will close its doors and ask for a receiver to-day. President Cornwell left three notes explaining the shortage. He says he lost money trying to make back \$42,000 he lost in a legitimate business transaction. In a letter to his wife, he stated that he would not commit suicide, but would let her know if he died. In a third letter, addressed to Cashier Cockrill, he states that he had nothing left to do but wander on the face of the earth or become a convict in the state's mines.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., June 11.

A gentleman who used to be the United States Minister to Greece and Serbia and who now occupies a high official position in this city, when apprised of the assassination of the King and Queen of Serbia, remarked that he had been expecting some development of the sort for months. He said: "King Alexander was very unpopular, not only with his people but with his ministers. He was a very weak man intellectually as well as in every other way. He was tall, thin, and one of the ugliest men I have ever seen. He was a quiet, prepossessing woman, one of the ladies of the court of Queen Natalie, the mother of Alexander. She was very ambitious and of considerable intellectual attainments. A woman of that sort could do practically what she pleased with a man like the King. It is well known that she was his mistress for some time before he married her."

A crisis has been precipitated in the Postoffice Department involving the personal and official friendship of the Postmaster General and First Assistant R. J. Wynne. The friends of Mr. Payne are up in arms because of the stories now in circulation alleging a conspiracy to overthrow the President, in which a member of the republican national committee, a prominent U. S. Senator and A. W. Machen and George Beavers were accredited with being principals, and the enormous power of the rural free delivery was named as the agency whereby the defeat of the President's ambitions was to be accomplished. These adherents of Mr. Payne insist that the publication was inspired by First Assistant Wynne, who, they declare, has from the inception of his duties been undermining the Postmaster General. It is further charged that Mr. Wynne has carried tales to the White House and has attempted to poison the mind of the President against the head of the Postoffice Department. They say that Mr. Payne can no longer remain quiescent. Mr. Wynne declines to discuss the charges made against him. On account of the differences between the Postmaster General and his First Assistant, the retirement of one or the other at an early date would not be surprising.

Judge Pritchard today reduced the bond in the case of James M. A. Watson, held for embezzling public funds, to \$20,000. Meanwhile the young man is being held.

President Roosevelt and party, returning from Cleveland, arrived here at 2 p. m. this afternoon. Quite a disastrous fire broke out in the Federal Building, at 44 street and Louisiana avenue early this morning. The burning of the interior of the building, a number of valuable libraries and law books were destroyed. The building was occupied by lawyers.

Dependent because of his financial condition, Robert A. Sedwick, a clerk in the treasury department, committed suicide at his home today by taking morphine poison. He was a clerk in the auditor's office. Money lenders pressed the man for their loans, which he was unable to pay, and this made him desperate.

Maurice Talty, a well-known business man, whose leg was amputated a few days ago, died last night.

The Controller of the Currency this morning issued a call for statements of the condition of national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, June 9th. It is intimated that the difficulty of finding a suitable man to head the House committee on postoffices and postroads no longer exists and that Congressman Burton, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been decided on. This committee no doubt will take up the investigation of the Postoffice Department scandals.

ELOPER ARRESTED.—H. A. Ross, under arrest in Norfolk on a statutory charge has confessed to State's Attorney John G. Milton that he was Rev. H. A. Johnson, and admits that he has a wife and two children in Clayton, N. Y., and also that he eloped with Mrs. George Davis, leading soprano of his choir. Johnson was arraigned yesterday morning on a warrant sworn out on information received from the New York authorities. In his confession Johnson said that Mrs. Davis left Norfolk last Saturday on her way back to Clayton. Johnson admitted that he was willing to return to New York without a legal fight if he could be taken there on charges, but he cannot be taken out of Virginia on the present charges against him, which are only misdemeanors. Johnson has sold his grocery store in Brambleton and says he is leaving Norfolk as soon as his troubles are over. Johnson had been pastor of the Congregational Church, of Clayton, N. Y., for two years. Mrs. Minnie Stalker Davis, wife of George O. Davis, disappeared from Clayton, N. Y., more than two months ago on the same day that Rev. H. A. Johnson left town. Johnson who had been a grocer, studied for the ministry and became pastor of the Congregational Church in Clayton. Ostensibly he led a series of meetings in Kew-Falls, Mr. Johnson left home on March 23. His wife and two children have not seen him since. A message to the Falls disclosed the fact that he had not been there, nor had he been expected.

Mrs. Davis married her husband last December, but they had been living apart, owing to family differences. Johnson was not heard from until he was arrested at Norfolk under the name of "H. A. Ross."

NO GRAIN TAX.—By a dexterous speech Premier Arthur J. Balfour in the British House of Commons last night temporarily smoothed over the differences in the Cabinet, referred Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain of any necessity of resigning, and for the moment averted a crisis which threatened the Unionist party.

This Mr. Balfour accomplished without committing the Government either to protection or free trade, though the effect of his speech will generally be taken to be shelved for the present. Henry Chaplin's amendment, which gave rise to the most interesting debate of the present Parliament, was defeated by the overwhelming majority of 306 votes, composed of Unionists, Liberal and Irish members, only 28 votes being cast in its favor. Many members of the Conservative party abstained from voting. The amendment declared that the removal of tax on grain "involves a need and a serious loss of revenue, without substantial relief for the consumer," and that if any taxes are removed it should be "those levied on tea and other articles of general consumption."

At St. Louis the river stage at 7 o'clock this morning was 37.9, with a tendency to fall. It was stated that over 1,000 people had been taken out of the flooded district south of Broadway since yesterday, and it was estimated that fully 1,500 more are imprisoned there.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Twenty persons are reported drowned in a flood following a cloudburst in Arizona.

The Venezuelan revolution has been crushed and Gen. Manuel A. Matos, its leader, has taken refuge in Curacao.

The lumber yards in New York were reopened yesterday after a lockout of five weeks and building operations were resumed.

Gifts of \$500,000 to Columbia University, New York, were announced in connection with the annual commencement yesterday.

By the breaking of the Illinois Central Railroad embankment yesterday two-thirds of East St. Louis was submerged. The death list may reach a hundred.

James Wilcox, the murderer of Nellie Crosey, of Elizabeth City, N. C., will have to serve his sentence of thirty years in the State Prison at Raleigh, the Supreme Court of that State having approved the decision of the lower court.

A stage traveling between Weaver and Redding, Cal., was yesterday held up by two masked robbers, and the passengers compelled to surrender their valuables and about \$400. The robbers lined up the passengers and driver and searched them carefully. Valises were slashed open and two express boxes smashed to bits. The robbers were very abusive during the entire proceeding, roundly scoring the driver for not stopping.

RUSSIA DECLINES OFFERS.—Numerous offers have reached the Russian government from American sources to aid the families of sufferers in the recent Kishenev incident. All such offers have been declined, for the reason that Russia is entirely capable of extending relief and under the circumstances cannot accept outside aid. The Russian position in the matter stated in brief is as follows: Russia has not been ungrateful of the generous offers which have come to her from America since the affair at Kishenev, nor of the humanitarian motive which may have prompted these offers. In view of the fact that his majesty the Emperor has the means at hand to relieve suffering wherever it appears in his empire, outside aid is unnecessary and all offers of such must be declined. Nor will it be possible for Russia to receive any representations regarding the Kishenev incident from a foreign power. The Russian government takes the same position as that long held by the American government; namely, that it refrains from interference in the internal affairs of another power and must insist on similar treatment for itself. Should any foreign power take steps to restrict immigration of Russian Jews on the ground that they are undesirable, Russia will not protest. She admits the right of every nation to say who shall come through its gates and who shall not. Should any country, as a result of the Kishenev incident, adopt measures restricting immigration of Russian Jews, Russia will regard such a step only as a defensive measure on the part of the power taking it and not in the light of a reflection on the Russian government.

DEVEREY AS LABOR LEADER.—Ex-Chief William S. Devere, self-nominated candidate for the Mayoralty of New York, will be an aspirant for the place of walking delegate of the House of Representatives, now held by Samuel Parks, if the latter is convicted of the charge of extortion made against him by Neils Poulson, president of the Hecla Iron Works. Devere announced his willingness to take Parks' place. He says he does not want to oust the walking delegate of the House of Representatives, but if by operation of the law the union should find itself in need of a delegate to succeed Parks he stands ready to jump in and take his place. Devere says that Parks is the best labor leader that union workers have ever had in the city. He declares that the accused walking delegate is the victim of trusts and rich manufacturers, who are prosecuting him because he dares to stand up for the rights of his men. Parks was released, Devere going security for him.

THE TIE UP IN PITTSBURGH.—The number of men locked out by the tie-up in the building trades in Pittsburgh, Pa., was increased yesterday to 8,500. This number will probably be trebled by the end of the week, and unless the dispute between the bricklayers and stone masons is settled speedily the Builders' League claims 70,000 men will be thrown out of employment, \$50,000,000 in contracts will be affected and nearly \$200,000 a day lost in salaries. The league threatens in a few days to stop every bit of building in the county and will tie up the yards producing material, placing the building industry at a complete standstill. They are determined the men shall agree among themselves and will throw men of all crafts out of work until the men of these two decide to settle their troubles. The list of work that will be stopped is an enormous one. It includes all the big and small undertakings in that line of what promised to be a record year in building.

PARROT AS WITNESS.—A parrot appeared as a witness in Recorder Stanton's court in Hoboken, N. J., yesterday and testified as to its owner. The testimony was given in the case of Peter Cadena, who was arraigned on the complaint of Mrs. Annie Wendt, who alleged that Cadena had stolen the parrot from her. Mrs. Wendt told the court that the parrot was placed in her charge by Selma Cadena, an actress. Cadena denied that he had stolen the parrot, and said he had bought it from a man to whom he had paid \$3.50. Then the bird was brought before the recorder, who questioned it. "To whom do you belong?" he asked. "Selma," said the parrot, looking wisely at the judge. The court decided to hold the prisoner in \$300 bail on a charge of larceny.

COURT OF APPEALS AT WYTHEVILLE. Union Assurance Society vs. Nails, from the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke; argued and submitted.

Baltimore Dental Association vs. Fuller, from the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke; submitted on briefs.

Nottingham Coal and Ice Company vs. Peas, from the Circuit Court of Roanoke county; removed to Richmond.

W. O. Adams vs. City of Roanoke, from the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke; partially argued.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

At an election held in Manassas, for municipal officers, on Tuesday, W. C. Wagener was elected mayor.

The Charlottesville chamber of commerce officers for the succeeding term were elected at the meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Moses Leterman was elected president to succeed Mr. W. S. Keller.

George Skinner died at the home of his sister, Mrs. French Gulick, near Aldie, on Tuesday. He was about 58 years of age and was a gallant member of Mosby's command during the war.

Mr. Frank Duncan, a prominent business man of Culpeper county, died yesterday at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, after an operation for stomach trouble. Mr. Duncan was 30 years old.

The State Board of Education will meet in Richmond Friday to elect members of the State Library Board, and the two members of the Board of Education yet to be named will be chosen at the same time.

A beautiful June wedding was solemnized in the Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, yesterday evening, when Miss Katie, the oldest daughter of Mrs. Augusta Hynson, became the bride of Mr. James E. Bradford, of Alabama.

A pretty wedding took place at Aquia Church, Stafford county, yesterday, when Miss Clara M., second daughter of Mr. E. B. Chewing, became the bride of Mr. Edgar Starke Moore, deputy clerk of the County and Circuit Courts of that county.

Miss Philippa Lewis Jones, of Cordova, Culpeper county, daughter of Mrs. N. C. Jones, was married yesterday to Mr. Thomas Temple Hill, of Battle Creek, Mich., at the Alum Spring Church, near the home of the bride, by Rev. T. P. Brown.

The governor has designated the following judges to hold terms of courts other than their own: Judge E. C. Moncre, of Caroline, for Judge R. H. L. Chester, of Stafford; Judge W. J. Kilby, of Nansemond, for Judge B. D. White, of Princess Anne.

Some of the creditors of the Trigg Company are protesting against the removal of the cruiser Galveston from the Trigg yards. They maintain that the Galveston is a part of the assets of the company. The government is very anxious to get the ship launched and away. A compromise may be reached between the government and the creditors.

Shockoe Council, Royal Arcanum, of Richmond, held a most interesting meeting at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday night. A number of new members were initiated, among them Lieutenant-Governor Joseph E. Willard, of Fairfax. After the meeting there was a splendid banquet in the dining room of the Temple, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The annual exhibition of the Upperville Horse and Colt Club opened yesterday. It is said by all attendants that the entries have never been so fine as this year. This applies to nearly all the classes. Horses were entered from practically all the stables of note in Virginia, and on the grounds were horsemen of more than State reputation. Colonel R. H. Dulaney, who was the president of the association, when it was organized half a century ago, is still its head, and was present yesterday, one of the most interesting and enthusiastic horsemen on the grounds. Among those who took prizes were Mr. C. H. Smith of the Hampton Stock Farm, in Alexandria county.

HEAVY RAIN.—The heaviest down-pour of rain and severest electrical storm ever witnessed at Front Royal visited that section Tuesday night. Water two feet deep rushed through the streets, sweeping away everything in sight. Hundreds of chickens, pigs, horses, cows, &c., were drowned or killed by lightning. Lightning struck four dwellings at Riverton, one at Front Royal, and three at Cedarville, and killed one person at the latter place. North and South rivers are out of their banks, and rising very fast. Everything along the courses of these rivers is being washed away.

The five-story flour mill belonging to Dr. J. L. Triplett, of Mount Jackson, situated about two miles east of Woodstock, valued at \$3,500, was totally destroyed by the high waters in the Shenandoah river at an early hour yesterday morning. The foundations were washed away, the building falling into the swift current and breaking to pieces before passing under the county road bridge located about 200 feet below the mill site. The embankment below the mill was washing away at a rapid rate yesterday, and it is feared the bridge, which was erected at a cost of \$6,000, is in danger. Two and a half inches of water fell Tuesday night in a short time causing immense damage to crops and plowed fields. In Woodstock and Maurertown the high water destroyed a lot of sidewalks, flooded several houses, and ruined gardens.

RIGHTS OF HONOR.—The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Honor, spent nearly the entire session in Richmond yesterday discussing the advisability of admitting women to membership. They declined to admit them by a vote of 56 to 31. The Supreme Lodge yesterday morning telegraphed \$200 to Paeletto, N. C., for the immediate benefit of the 29 members of the Paeletto Lodge, who have lost everything by the floods. This sum was sent with the assurance that more would follow as soon as a detailed report of the condition of the members was received. The gift was made in response to an appeal from members of the lodge. The committee on necrology reported on the death of Supreme Treasurer J. M. French, who died yesterday in St. Louis and on account of which the lodge adjourned yesterday. It was decided to hold an open memorial meeting in the Masonic Temple tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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Revolution in Serbia.

King Alexander, Queen Draga and Prime Minister Zinzar Assassinated Belgrade, June 11.—King Alexander and Queen Draga Maschin were assassinated during a military revolution which broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the streets of Belgrade. The trouble was precipitated by Alexander's high handedness under the influence of Queen Draga. Public opinion, and especially in army circles, has been seething for months past and the king's act in stifling the popular voice at the recent election by a forced ministerial success was the last straw. The first intimation of serious trouble however, was not manifest until the army at 2 o'clock this morning broke all bounds and started a revolution. The palace was their first point of attack, and thither the military mob rushed. Various reports are current as to the manner in which the king and queen fell. One has it that both were shot by the military, while another story has it that the king, seeing the end was inevitable, first shot the queen and then turned his revolver on himself, committing suicide. The mob then made their way to the apartments of Premier Zinzar, and M. Markovitch, the commander of the king's guard. Both with their wives were shot down in cold blood. In all eight persons lost their lives. Immediately after assassination of the king the mob proclaimed Prince Kara-Georgovitch, the pretender, king in Alexander's stead. It is stated that the Queen's brother Nikodem, who was at one time mentioned as a possible successor to the Serbian throne, King Alexander's two sisters, and twelve men of the guard were also murdered.

A notable coincidence of the affair is that on this date in 1868, Alexander's great uncle was assassinated.

A new government was installed by the military authority, with M. Avakovitch of the Independent Liberal party as the Premier. The new Premier immediately convoked the national representatives to meet here immediately and arrange a new government and constitution.

While immense crowds were gathered in the streets, discussing the news and arguing the right and wrong of the revolutionists' acts, there were no signs of further disturbances. The general public, who have been lashed by the whip of Alexander's intolerant and high-handed manner of carrying things his own way, did not feel any particular sorrow for his untimely end, but on the other hand generally expressed a feeling of relief. Despite the comparative quiet, however, a strong guard has been posted about the palace to preclude any further attacks there.

Belgrade, June 11.—Prince Peter Kara-Georgovitch was publicly proclaimed king this afternoon amid great excitement. It is learned that Major Agikovic, of the Serbian army, headed the conspiracy.

Prince Kara-Georgovitch, the new king, is a grandson of Kara-Georgovitch (Black George), who in 1804 raised the first insurrection against the Turks. The new king is about 60 years of age. He has resided in Geneva for some time past, from which place he has conducted the propaganda in favor of his claims for the throne.

Belgrade, June 11.—The number of those assassinated in the revolution is growing. It is now confirmed that Queen Draga's brother and thirty officers were among those killed. It is also confirmed that King Alexander was shot by Colonel Mischitch, while the Queen was killed by her brother-in-law, Colonel Maschin. The corpses of the royal couple were thrown through a window of the palace.

Prince Kara-Georgovitch will arrive in Belgrade tomorrow. The funeral services of King Alexander and Queen Draga will be held on Sunday.

Vienna, June 11.—A despatch giving details of the assassinations states that Adjutant Naumovitch, Col. Mischitch, and six young officers of the Sixth Infantry blew in the door of the royal bed room with a bomb after overpowering the guard. They rushed in with drawn revolvers and confronted the royal couple. The officers presented a deed of abdication to Alexander, in which it was stated that he had renounced the land by his marriage to a public venal. Alexander's reply was to shoot the adjutant dead. The King and Queen then fled to the roof. The officers followed shooting the royal pair down as they were running.

Vienna, June 11.—Some suspicion of a Russian plot in the assassination of the King and Queen of Serbia is entertained in diplomatic circles here. Alexander's policy has recently been anti-Russian, because of the Czar's repeated refusal to receive Queen Draga. On the other hand Prince Kara-Georgovitch, the new King, is known to be a Russian protegee, and is reported to be in receipt of an annual allowance from the Russian government.

Berlin, June 11.—A despatch from Belgrade to the Koelnische Zeitung of Cologne, relative to the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, states that the attack on the royal palace was originally a plot to kidnap Queen Draga, and kill or remove her without molesting King Alexander. Draga was regarded as the evil genius of Alexander, and it was thought that with her once out of the way, things in the kingdom would go well. The plot miscarried, however, as the palace guards resisted, and unpremeditated bloodshed occurred in the ensuing confusion.

London, June 11.—The Central News Rome correspondent quotes the Serbian Consul there as saying that nearly one hundred persons including a number of deputies were assassinated during the revolution in Belgrade.

Vienna, June 11. A message received here this afternoon from Belgrade states that the assassination of the King and Queen has caused the greatest joy in the city. The houses in many parts of the city are flying flags, while bands are marching through the streets, playing lively airs.

Marseilles, June 11.—Ex-Queen Natalie of Serbia, received the news of her son's death at a hotel here. She was much affected and refused to see any one. She will return tonight to Paris where she had been living for some time past.

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did not, and later she confessed that she tried to hoodwink the King by passing off a child of her sister's as her own. Later Draga tried to commit suicide by swallowing poison. She was snatched by the Carlians, who refused to meet her, and also by the wives of foreign envoys in Belgrade. Once when the populace showed their hatred for the queen, the king took her in his carriage and, aided by his troops, forced the people to cheer for her. The royal pair have steadily grown unpopular with the Servians.

Passed Examination. Annapolis, Md., June 11.—The physical examination of the candidates for the Naval Academy who passed their mental examination in April are now being conducted here. Among those who passed physically yesterday and will be admitted as midshipmen was S. A. Clement, of Virginia. All of the civilian professors of the naval academy have been reapointed to serve for another year.

Foul Play Suspected. Sioux City, Iowa, June 11.—The body of Edward B. Corbett, a member of the Columbia Typographical Union, of Washington, D. C., and formerly of St. Louis and Hot Springs, Ark., was found floating in the Missouri river yesterday. Two scalp wounds indicated he had met with foul play, and had received a blow previous to falling in the water. The body had been in the water about five days.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. The yachts Reliance, Columbia and Constitution started in a race off Sandy Hook, today.